Dewan.—

It will be considered after the cess amount accumulates.

Mr Bhaskar Rao.—

Is the question of extension of railway to Bhatkal likely to be taken up soon ?

Dewan.—

It is under consideration.

MR. NADIG BHASKAR RAO and MR. DEVAPPA WADIAR (Sorab Taluk), MR. B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk), MR. B. GOPALACHAR (Thirthahalli Taluk) and MR. A. S. MURIGAPPA (Shimoga Taluk).—

Q.—25. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) What amount received as contribution for tank works is now with Government?

(2) How many tanks are there in Sorab, Thirthahalli and Sagar Taluks for which contributions have been paid and for which the necessary repairs have not been effected and what is the amount collected in the case of such tanks?

(3) Whether the Government will be pleased to take steps to execute the works early?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—25. (1) Rs. 71,637 approximately, (figures for Kolar and Kadur Districts are not included.)

	No. of tanks.	Amount contributed. Rs. a. p.
(2) Sorab ..	21 ..	3,856 4 9
Thirthahalli	48 ..	9,311 3 5
Sagar ..	19 ..	1,850 7 3

(3) Orders directing the speedy disposal of all such cases have been issued.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskar Rao.—

With reference to Answer (1), may I know whether the amount earns any interest ?

Dewan.—

No. It is with Government.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskar Rao.—

With reference to Answer (2), may I know why the information about the total number of tanks is not furnished ?

Chief Secretary.—

The information will be collected and furnished to the member, if necessary.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskar Rao.—

May I know why the repair work was not undertaken even though contributions have been paid ?

Chief Secretary.—

It is due to various reasons, one of which is that several people have not paid their contributions completely.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskar Rao.—

Has a programme been drawn up for the restoration of minor tanks, and if so, will a copy be furnished to the members ?

Chief Secretary.—

Yes, if required.

Mr. Venkatgiriappa.—

If the works are not started, will the contribution be returned ?

Chief Secretary.—

Each case is being investigated and settled.

Mr. Devappa Wadiyar.—

It is 28 years since a contribution was given for the tank known as Mannagettekere in the Sorab Taluk. May I know why this tank was not included in the programme ?

Chief Secretary.—

Government have no information but the matter will be enquired into.

Mr. Rangaswamiengar.—

With reference to Answer 25 (2), may I know in how many years the amount was collected ?

Chif Secretary.—

It was collected during several years, beginning from 1912-13 or thereabouts.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

When was the contribution system first started ?

Chief Secretary.—

Many years ago.

Mr. H. B Gundappa.—

When were the orders referred to in Answer (3) issued ?

Chief Secretary.—

For the past two years they are being issued.

Mr. H. B. Gundappa.—

How many works are there for which full contribution has been paid ?

Chief Secretary.—

The question requires notice.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

Have Government taken steps to collect the remaining contributions ?

Chief Secretary.—

Yes, steps are being taken.

Mr. Gopalachar.—

Seeing that there are 1,100 minor tanks still to be

restored, will Government draw up a programme as in the case of the major tanks ?

Chief Secretary.—

The suggestion will be considered.

Mr. E. Krishnappa.—

If the contribution is not fully paid up, cannot Government recover it as arrear of land revenue under the Land Revenue Code ?

Chief Secretary.—

This can be done in some cases, not all.

MR. BASETTAPPA (Channagiri Taluk), MR. NADIG BHASKAR RAO (Sorab Taluk), MR. B. GOPALACHAR (Thirthahalli Taluk), MR. B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk), MR. TUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA (Thirthahalli Taluk), MR. A. S. MURIGAPPA (Shimoga Taluk) and MR. KATTE DAKAPPA (Thirthahalli Taluk).—

Q.—26. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether any attention is being paid to the preservation of works of ancient art?

(2) If so, how is it that so many works of ancient art are allowed to be neglected?

(3) What is the extent of funds allotted for the maintenance of such works in the following places?—

(i) Santebennur,	(v) *Narasimhaswami* temple,
(ii) Kavledurga,	Bhadravati,
(iii) Amrutapura,	(vi) Belagavi and
(iv) Halebid,	(vii) Melige.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—26. (1) Yes. The Ancient Monuments Preservation Regulation was passed in 1925. A list of ancient monuments worthy of preservation has been compiled and the monuments are periodically inspected by officers of the Revenue and Archæological Departments.

(2) This is a matter of opinion.